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In re application of: Seisuke MORIOKA et al. Serial No.: 09/423,415 Filing Date: November 5, 1999 For: <b>IMAGE PROCESSING UNIT AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD</b>	Art Unit: 2721  <b>RECEIVED</b> APR 17 2001 Technology Center 2600
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of references cited in the enclosed search report of a corresponding European patent application. For the Examiner's convenience we have enclosed a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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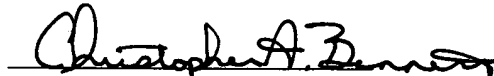
application not more than three months prior to the date of this statement. Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the

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Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the disclosed reference(s) be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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